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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR EMBARQ LOCAL OPERATING COMPANIES AND
FRONTIER AND CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE
TELEPHONE CARRIERS PETITIONS SEEKING FORBEARANCE FROM ENFORCEMENT
OF CERTAIN ARMIS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

WC Docket No. 07-204

COMMENTS DUE: February 1, 2008
REPLY COMMENTS DUE: March 17, 2008

On October 19, 2007, the Embarq Local Operating Companies (Embarq) filed a petition requesting forbearance under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from enforcement of certain Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS) reporting requirements.¹ Specifically, Embarq seeks forbearance from the enforcement of Commission rules requiring submission of ARMIS Reports 43-05 (Service Quality Report) and 43-08 (Operating Data Report).² On November 13, 2007, the Commission received a petition from Frontier and Citizens Communications Incumbent Local Exchange Telephone Carriers (Frontier *et al.*) also requesting forbearance from the enforcement of Commission rules requiring submission of the ARMIS Service Quality Report and Operating Data Report.³

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules,⁴ interested parties may file comments on the Embarq and/or the Frontier *et al.* petitions on or before **February 1, 2008** and reply comments on or before **March 17, 2008**. All filings should refer to **WC Docket No. 07-204**.

Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.⁵

¹ See Petition of Embarq Local Operating Companies for Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission's ARMIS Reporting Requirements Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c), WC Docket No. 07-204 (filed October 19, 2007).

² *Id.* at 1 n.2 ("These specific rules are codified at 47 C.F.R. §§ 43.21(g) and (j).").

³ See Petition of Frontier and Citizens ILECs for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160 (c) from Enforcement of Certain of the Commission's ARMIS Reporting Requirements, WC Docket No. 07-204 (received November 13, 2007).

⁴ 47 C.F.R §§ 1.415, 1.419.

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
 - For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, “get form.” A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail).

- The Commission’s contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Alan Feldman, Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 6-A223, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or by e-mail to alan.feldman@fcc.gov. Parties must also serve one copy with the Commission’s copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Documents filed with the Commission in **WC Docket No. 07-204** will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com. People with disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

This matter shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁶ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required.⁷ Other requirements pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules.⁸

For further information, contact Alan Feldman of the Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-0940.

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⁶ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

⁸ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).